

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A view programming system capable of programming a viewing of a show by a user that a the user wants to view, from among shows composed of content data provided from a content data source, the view programming system comprising:

a at least one show receiving apparatus capable of receiving the shows; and

a view programming apparatus capable of storing holding, when the programming of the viewing of the show is performed, programmed show information related to the show for which the viewing is has been programmed by the user, the view programming apparatus storing the programmed show information when the programming of the viewing of the show is performed,

wherein the view programming apparatus transmits a first electronic mail including the programmed show information prescribing the show, for which the viewing is programmed, to be received, via a network by the show receiving apparatus, related to the show, for which the viewing is programmed having has been programmed for viewing by the user, to the show receiving apparatus via a network by using a first electronic mail, the first electronic mail being transmitted at a show start notifying time that is earlier by a predetermined time than a broadcast start time of the show for which the viewing has been programmed by the user,

wherein the show receiving apparatus receives the first electronic mail via the network, and

wherein, in accordance with the received first electronic mail, the show receiving apparatus displays the programmed show information of only the show, for which the viewing has been programmed by the user, and displays a view form message group allowing the user to select a view form for the show for which the viewing has been programmed by the user, and

wherein, in accordance with the displayed programmed show information and the displayed view form message group, the show receiving apparatus allows the user to select whether to view or record the show for which the viewing has been programmed by the user-the user selects whether to view or record the show, for which the viewing is programmed, in accordance with the first electronic mail.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The view programming system according to claim 1, wherein the view programming apparatus comprises:

show information obtaining means of obtaining show information indicating a schedule on which the shows are to be provided;

displaying means of displaying a show table based on the obtained show information (EPG);

view programming information generating means of generating the programmed show information in response to a user's selection input of a show, for which the viewing is to be programmed, based on the displayed show table;

first electronic mail generating means of generating the first electronic mail in association with an electronic mail address assigned to the reception apparatus; and

first electronic mail transmitting means of transmitting the first electronic mail to the electronic mail address.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) The view programming system according to claim 2, wherein the programmed show information includes (i) information indicating a broadcast start

time and a broadcast an end time of the show for which the viewing is programmed, and (ii) a source from which the show, for which the viewing is programmed, is obtained.

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The view programming system according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 3, wherein the first electronic mail further contains a predetermined message.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The view programming system according to claim 5, wherein

the view programming apparatus further comprises first recording means of recording a received show,

each the show receiving apparatus comprises:

second electronic mail generating means of generating a second electronic mail as a return mail with respect to the first electronic mail; and

second electronic mail transmitting means of transmitting the second electronic mail to the view programming apparatus, and

when the view programming apparatus does not receive the second electronic mail by the

broadcast start time, the view programming apparatus records the show, for which the viewing is programmed, into the first recording means.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The view programming system according to claim 1, wherein the show receiving apparatus displays the show, for which the viewing is programmed, based on the programmed show information.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The view programming system according to claim 8, wherein the show receiving apparatus further comprises second recording means of recording the received show, and records the show, for which the viewing is programmed, into the second recording means based on the programmed show information.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The view programming system according to claim 1, wherein a password is set for each corresponding show receiving apparatus, and a subject having the password of the show receiving apparatus is described in the first electronic mail.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The view programming system according to claim 11, wherein the view programming apparatus determines that an electronic mail having the password is determined as the second electronic mail, among received electronic mails.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The view programming system according to claim 8, wherein, when receiving the first electronic mail, the show receiving apparatus (i) displays the

predetermined message, (ii) transmits the second electronic mail when the show, for which the viewing is programmed, is not recorded in the view programming apparatus, and (iii) does not transmit the second electronic mail when the show, for which the viewing is programmed, is recorded in the view programming apparatus.

Claims 14-23 (Cancelled)